

REMARKS

Claims 1-26 are pending. Claims 13, 14, 17 and 24 are allowed. Claims 1-12, 15, 16, 18-23, 25 and 26 are rejected. Claims 3, 4, 15, 16, and 18 have been canceled. Claims 1-2, 5-14, 17, and 19-26 remain in the case for reconsideration. Reconsideration is requested. No new subject matter has been added.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 103

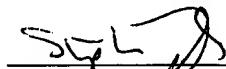
Claims 1-12, 15, 16, 18-23, 25 and 26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Fitzgerald (US 6,421,720) in view of Kerr (US 5,844,600).

The rejection is respectfully traversed. However, to move the case on to allowance, the rejected claims have either been cancelled or amended to include the limitations of allowed claims.

CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, reconsideration and allowance of claims 1-2, 5-14, 17, and 19-26 of the application as amended is solicited. The Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at (503) 222-3613 if it appears that an interview would be helpful in advancing the case.

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